

Amendment to the Abstract:

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REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

Abstract of the Disclosure

A record carrier, recording device, read-out device and method is provided which provides a flexible security level to protect user data during transmission over a communication bus, also when the data is recorded on a record carrier such as a recordable optical disc. In accordance with the method, management information comprising encryption indication information indicating that user data stored in an associated sector of a record carrier, such as a recordable optical disk, is to be encrypted by a read-out device before being transmitted over a communication bus.